STORY OF THE SEA

The Ship Florida Discovered to be a Derelict

THE IS A FLOATING MYSTERY

diding the Waves Under Full Sail, Without a Soul on Board-Her Crow of Fifty Missing

Naw Yone, Feb. 3.-News of the abandenment at sea of the big Nor-wegian ship Florida has been brought to this city by the White Star line freight steamer Runic. The Runic reported passing the Florida on January B, driving before the wind with some of her canvas spread. Her hull and upper works were somewhat damaged. There was nothing about the outward appearance of the vessel by which the date of her crew could be determined.

A Meeting. The Florida sailed from Paseagoula Via, December 31, for Dordrecht with a miscellaneous cargo of southern products. She was commanded by Capt. Ellefsen and carried a crew numbering about twenty-five, including of-deers and men. Capt Ellefsen had some trouble with his sailors before they left Pascagoula, the men asserting that the vessel was unseaworthy. They went aboard, however, very reluctantly, but when the vessel was a few days out at sea they mutinied and refused to work her out of southern waters. Captain Ellefsen then headed his wessel toward Cuba and about January I succeeded in reaching Havana. There he appealed to the Norwegian consul, and at the consul's suggestion the refractory seamen were put in irons and imprisoned in the hold.

A New Crow. A new crew was secured by the consul and put aboard the Florida, and on the morning of Sunday, January 10, she again sailed for Dordrecht. Two days later the Spanish steamer Cindad Condal, from from Havana for this port, passed her under full sail, beating to the northward, about 40 miles off the Florida coast. Her hull was very deep in the water. That was the last heard of her until the Runie fell in with her on January 29.

All Are Missing. The Florida then had her main topsail and foresail set. Her starboard clew was hauled up and a part of her port bulwarks was gone. Aside from these injuries she seemed to be in perfect condition. The few lifeboats of the Florida could not ecommodute all the men on board of her owing to the addition of the fresh erew shipped at Havana. No news of the captain and crew, numbering fifty men, has been received at any port.

HISTORIC BUILDING BURNED. Appenattos Courthouse a Proy to the De-

vouring Element. RICHMOND, Va., Feb. 3.—The historic old Appomattor courthouse building was destroyed by fire Monday. All of the county records and courthouse furnishings were entirely consumed. Surrounding houses also caught fire but were were saved. The library of the clerk's office | contents were totally destroyed. is said to have been on ranged in Virginia. The loss of the records leaves the county in fearful straits. The McLayne house, in which Gea. Lee signed the terms of surrender to Gen. Grant, was at one time threatened with destruction.

STRIKERS USE DYNAMITE. An Electric Car Decailed at Pittsburgh by

a Cartridge on the Truck.

PITTSBURGE, Pa., Feb. 3. A Pittsburgh, Allegheny & Manchester electric car ran over a dynamite cartridge on Beaver avenue, Allegheny, at 4:50 o'clock a. m. The car was thrown from the track and nearly all the windows in it broken. The windows in the houses near by were also shattered. There were twelve men, employes of the company, on the car, but no one was badly hurt. It is supposed the cartridge was placed on the track by the strikers.

Gettyshurg Monument Dedication. Boston, Feb. 3.-Thursday, June 2, is the day fixed for the dedication of the high water mark monument at Gettysburg. The president and members of his cabinet have accepted an invitation to be present, and the governors of all states that have contributed to mark the field, veterans of the army of the Potomac, state monument committees, members of congress and others of distinction will be invited.

Assassing in Indian Territory. PARIS, Tex., Feb. 2. Officers who have arrived here from the territory bring news of the assassination of Richard Mitchell, at Kilpatrick's store, 15 miles north of Stonewall, I. T., last Wednesday night. Mitchell went to his borse-lot about dark when he was fired upon from ambush. He was struck by one bullet, fell mortally wounded, and died in about three

Trade Relations with Canada. OTTAWA, Out, Feb. 2.-Hon. Mackensie Bowell, acting minister of customs; Hon. G. E. Foster, minister of Anance, and Sir John Thompson, min-ister of justice, leave for Washington Monday to discuss, by appointment with the United States authorities, the question of trade relations between the two countries.

Contested Election Cores

JARRINGTON, Feb. 3.-The house committee on elections has decided not to vote upon the contested case of Draig again Stewart from Pennsylvania until Friday. The arguments in the case of Noyes against Rockwell from New York will be pestponed until next Tuesday.

Mours Hapkins Dond. SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 3 .- Moses Hopkins, the well-known capitalist, died here of heart failure, believed to be the result of an attack of grip which he experienced about a month ago. He leaves an estate of \$5,000,000, chiefly of lands in this state.

Disastrous Floods. BERLIN, Feb. 1 — Destructive floods are reported in Prussian Silesia. At the town of Napley, on the Oder, the river has risen far above its usual level, and many houses are submerged. In the rural districts cattle have been drowned, and much devastation wrought on farms

Destructive Fires in Chill. SANTIAGO, Feb 1 - During the

ares in Santiago from which losses cotimated at \$2,000,000 have resulted. Insurance agents believe they were started by incendiaries.

A BAD GANG BROKEN UP. Bold Robbers of laws Post Offices Sen-

KRONUR. In., Feb. 3.-In the United tates district court here Tuesday Judge Woolsen sentenced three noted criminals who had been found guilty of being implicated in the rebberies of the post office at Swedenborg and Quincy, In., last sommer. Matt Andrews, alian Tom Mackilla, alian Andrew Macklin, was sentenced to four years' imprisonment in the state penitentiary at Fort Madison and fined \$1,000. John Craig, alias Charley Craig, alias Philly Kid, got fifteen months and a fine of Stod. James Murphy, alias Geerge Lee, was assessed \$1,000 and given a term of two years to serve. This offeetually breaks up a gang of shrewd post office thieves who have been plying their vocation in this state with usiderable success

ROASTED TO DEATH.

Borrible Fate Which Betell Two Brewery Employes to Peoris, Ill.

PRORIA, Ill., Feb. 3 - A serious accident occurred at the Union brewery late Tuesday evening. John Ruch and Anton Rieber, two of the employes, went into a big puncheon for the purpose of varnishing it with shellac. They were still at work when the vapor of the skellac, passing out of the small hole, caught fire. The inside of the puncheon was soon in a fleree blaze and the two men were penued up in the flames. Other workmen dragged them out, lacerating their flesh and breaking their bones in so doing. Ruch, who was dragged out first, may live, but his companion was burned so badly that his flesh dropped off when rescued.

A WISCONSIN TRAGEDY.

A Milwaukee Teamster Cuts Ilia Wife's

and His Own Throats. MILWAUKER. Feb. S.-Again this city is shocked by a terrible family tragedy with fatal results. The 63-year-old teamster Frederick Niedeck Tuesday night cut the throat of his wife from ear to ear and then killed himself in the same manner. They were pretty well to do, but it is alleged that for several years they did not live happily together, as Niedeck was a miser, who would scarcely consent to give up any money for the support of their twelve

Madison, Wis., Feb. 3.—At the meeting of the State Horticultural society Tuesday the following officers were elected: President, M. A. Thayer, of Sparta; vice president, L. J. Kellogg. of Ripon; secretary, R. S. Hoxie, of Evansville; treasurer, Mrs. V. Campbell, of Evansville; corresponding secretary, Carl H. Potter, of Madison.

Burglary and Arson. CRESTON, Ia., Feb. 3.-Fox's general store, in which was located the post office, at Webster, Madison county, was entered by burglars about 3 o'clock Tuesday morning and the safe blown open. Seventy dollars were secured by the rascals, who then fired the building and escaped. The building and

ROCKFORD, Ill., Feb. 3. - James Swirles, proprietor of the New York store of this city, has confessed judgment in Chicago in favor of Bradner & Thomas, of New York. The amount of the latter's claim is \$19,700, while other claims will make the liabilities equal the assets, which are placed at

Death of a Pioneer. BELOTT, Wis., Feb. 3.-Mrs. Hamilton Nelson, aged 81, died at the home of her daughter. She was a pioneer of Waukesha county and the last survivor of the original members of the First Congregational church at Waukesha, which was the first of that denomina-

tion in the state. Arrested for Murder.

BELLEVILLE, Ill., Feb. 3.-Louis Bobo has been arrested here. Bobo is charged with the murder of Lawrence Wachtel, whom he cut January 17 in St. Louis, and who died Tuesday. The cutting grew out of a quarrel over Waentel's alleged attentions to Bobo's divorced wife.

Attached by the Sheriff.

OCEAN CITY, N. J., Feb. 3.-The House of Rest hotel, valued at about \$10,000, of which Postmaster General Wanamaker is the reputed owner, was attached by the sheriff Tuesday. The Rest has been the summer rendezvous of the members of Bethany Sundayschool of Philadelphia.

Wants Another Department. WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.-Representative Caminetti (Cal.) offered a house bill Monday, creating a government department of mines and mining. This, if it passes, will add another member to the president's cabinet.

Grain Broker Coats Acquitted. SPARTA, Wis., Feb. 3.-The examina-

tion of W. F. Coats, the collapsed grain buyer, for the alleged larceny of wheat stored in his elevator by E. R. Jones, took place Tuesday and he was acquit-

DUBLIN, Feb. 3.-A boat belonging to her majesty's ship Belle Isle, the

coast-guard vessel at Kingston, foundered Tuesday morning in Dublin bay. drowning four of her craw, Chinese Mine Horror. SAN FRANCISCO, Feb 3 -- A telegram from Sapporo reports that an explosion occurred in the pit of Horononal

colliery, China, on January 17,

which seventy persons were killed and fifteen wounded. May Lynch the Lynchers. SHELBYVILLE, Tex., Feb. 3 .- Five of the men who lynched Joe Shields last Thursday are under arrest, and are in

danger of themselves being lynched. Sr. Paul, Minn., Feb. 3.—William E. Lee has been given a verdict for \$10,000 against the Pillsbury mills of Minacapolis for infringement of the patent

on his seed separator.

To Send Three Thousand Mes INDIANAPOLIS. Ind., Feb. 3 - Indiana will send 3,000 troops to the national encampment at Washington city in September.

Mail Penches Stolen.

Naw Yong, Feb. 3.-Seven mail pouches were stelen from mail wagons chile crossing on the ferryboat from past week there have been many large. New York to Hoboken this morning.

TOOK A LAST TRIP

Death Comes to a Number in Horrible Form

AWFUL DISASTER ON THE RAIL

An Exploding Locomotive Kills Two Men Near Joliet, Ill .- Three Lives Lost at Newark, N. J.

Jetter, Ill., Feb. 23 -A horrible accident occurred at Zariey's, 1 mile south of this city, at 7:30 Monday evening. The boiler of engine No. 47 on the Chicago & Alton road, pulling a heavy freight south with a pusher from this city helping over the hill. blew up just as the engine reached the top of the bill. The boiler exploded, throwing the engine and three cars off the track. The dead are:

Brandon Thomas, of Brighton park, fireman. His face was crushed and cooked with steam, head crushed, legs broken and hands cooked, He field before he reached the city. C.F. Startings, of Dicomingson, head brake-men. Hody recovered at 9 o'clock, in the field 500 fest from the engine. He was dead, every bone in bis body being crushed and the flesh

The only survivor was

Bubois Williams, engineer, of Bloomington, who had one leg broken, head and face crushed and scalded. He is in the hospital here alive. The engine was the last new one turned out of the Burlington shops-a mogul. Owing to the feeble condition of the only survivor on the engine. Dubols, no definite idea can be had as to what caused the accident. All trains are being sent around on the Coal City branch.

RECIPROCITY WITH GERMANY

The United States Government Has Issued an Announcement of Fairer Trade.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.-In pursuance with the authority conferred by section 3 of the McKinley tariff act the president on Tuesday issued a proclamation of reciprocity with Germany. The principal articles covered in the schedule are: Flax, free; wheat and rye, 3.50 marks per 100 kilograms; oats, 2.50; corn, 1.60; hides and skins, free; lumber and timber, 20 to 80, according to condition; pork, 17; all other fresh and dressed meats, 15; fruits and seeds, berries, etc., 4 marks; horses, 20 each; bulls and cows, 9; hogs, 5; sheep, 1; wool, free.

In the Hands of a Receiver. DENVER, Col., Feb. 3.-Dennis Sullivan has been appointed receiver of the American Waterworks Company here on a petition of James Archer and K. S. Greeley. The company succeeds the Denver City Water Company and assumes \$2,500,000 of the \$7,000,000 bonded indebtedness which is held in New York. The company spent a vast sum of money last year. It owns the waterworks at Omaha, Richmond, Ind., Adrian, Mich., and Appleton, Wis.

Paying Pensions to Confederate Widows. ATLANTA, Ga. Feb. 3.-The state treasurer has begun the payment of the confederate widows' pensions. This tax upon the state, authorized by the last legislature, entails an annual tax of \$400,000. There are 4,000 widows on the rolls. In all \$30,000 was paid out Monday and as much more Tuesday. The payments will be kept until the approp is exhausted.

Considering the Free-Wool Bill. WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.-The Springer free-wool bill was under consideration Tuesday by the democratic majority of the ways and means committee. conclusion was reached. There is a good deal of sentiment among members on the democratic side of the committee in favor of a larger reduction in the duties on woolen manufactures proposed in Mr. Springer's bill.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.-The state department has received a cablegram from Capetown, Africa, announcing the death of Lieut. Mason A. Shufeldt, of the navy, retired. Lieut. Shufeldt had gone to Africa as a commissioner of the world's fair to secure exhibits for the exposition. He was a son of the late Admiral Shufeldt.

Had Been Gone Ten Tears.

Youngstown, O., Feb. 3.-After an absence of ten years, James McGuire, an iron worker, on Tuesday surprised his wife and the six children, who had grown to manhood and womanhood, by suddenly returning. He is a mental wreck, and can give no account of himself except that he was in California.

Illiest Distillers Captured. Anniston, Ala., Feb. 3. - Deputy Collector Briggs and Deputy United States Marshal Colquitt returned Tuesday night from Cleburne county, where they raided a half-dozen illicit stills Monday. They captured three men and destroyed several thousand gallons of whisky and beer and six stills. They had a lively fight, in which several shots were exchanged. before the distillers surrendered. Their names are Lewis Danby, Tom Jones and Tom Ewing.

Yard Must Give Ball. PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 3.-H. H. Yard, who was arrested charged with aiding and abetting Gideon W. Marsh and Charles W. Lawrence in misapplication of the funds of the Keystone given a hearing Tuesday before United States Commissioner Bell. Special Agent Barrett, of the United States treasury department, testified that Yard had received over \$193,000 of the bank's funds. At the conclusion of the testimony Yard was held for court and the bail increased from \$15,000 to \$20,

An Anti-Liquor Convention.

Manison, Wis., Feb. 3 .- A conference is to be held here February 17 of all Wisconsin opponents of the liquor truffic. The call is signed by many prominent men, asking that each city, village and township send a representative to the conference, so that a common ground may be found from which to attack the saloon system. It is expected that representatives from all political parties will participate.

North Dakets Will Want Men. GRAND FORKS, N. D., Feb. &-E C. Shortridge, president of the state farmers' alliance, on behalf of the farmers is preparing to advertise for men to with seeding and spring and summer plowing, to begin work when frost is out of the ground. He esti mates that 5,000 men will be needed. Farmers are asked to report to the alliance their requirements.

Scields of a Relative of Mrs. Cleveland. Isostos, O., Feb. 3.-Wilbur Folsom a traveling salesman, died sud-

denly at his home at Sixth and Adams was announced. It develops that Fei-som shot himself. He had been des pondent over the unsatisfactory results of his business. Folsom, it is said, was a relative of Mrs. Grover Cleveland.

WON'T VACATE.

Thayer Determined to Hold On to the Nebraska Governorship Until Gusted by

the Supreme Court's Mandate. ONAHA, Neb., Feb. 8 -Gov. Boyd is still in Omaha and said he had not decided on what course he would pursue. He expects Thayer to notify him to come and take the governor's office, but the latter has not yet done so. If he is disposed he can hang on until the supreme court mandate issues on February 20. Politicians are advising Thayer to retire quietly. But Thayer is obdurate and says that

he will continue to exercise the office of governor until he receives a mandate from the United States supreme court. "I am governor now," he said, "and I shall continue so for at least a month." Nothing would shake him in his determination, and he will hold to his resolve. When Gov. Boyd was informed of

Thayer's determination he said: guess he can stay, as he says, if he has a mind to do so." State Oil Inspector Hemrod, who was deposed by Thayer. resumed his duties Tuesday and all the oil companies have recognized blin. Other deposed officials will attempt to resume their places at onco.

HOUSE RULES.

Amendments Having in View the Breaking Up of Fillbustering Methods Re-

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3 .- In the house on Tuesday consideration of the rules was resumed. Mr. Burrows' (Mich.) amendment giving the speaker the right to count a quorum was rejected. the demand for the yeas and mays hav-

ing been withdrawn.
Mr. Reed (Me.) offered an amendment providing that whenever a quorum fails to vote on any question there shall be a call of the house and the yeas and pays at the same time be ordered. As each member answers to his name he shall vote on the yeas and

nava Rejected. Mr. Bynum (Ind.) offered an amendment striking out from the list of privileged motions which may be made when any question is under debate the motions to fix a day to which the house shall adjourn and to take a recess. After debate the amendment was lost yeas, 87; nays, 161. Mr. Burrows (Mich.) offered an

amendment providing that no dilatory motion shall be entertained by the speaker. Rejected.

FOR HUNGRY RUSSIANS.

Philadelphia Citizens Raising Fundslown Sends 100 Car-Loads of Grain. PHILADELPHIA, Feb. S .- A meeting of citizens has been held at the mayor's office to raise funds to relieve the starving peasants of Russia. A telegram from Clara Barton, president of the N ational Red Cross society, announced that 100 car-loads of Iowa grain would be forwarded at once, and it was determined to charter, if possible, the steamer Ohio, which was recently impressed into the gov-ernment service, and forward a shipload of grain to Russia. Twentys contributed by those present and a committee of fifteen appointed to solicit subscriptions, with Mayor Stuart as chairman and Drexel & Co. treasurers.

Bank Robbers at Work.

ADDISON, N. Y., Feb. 8 .- The bank of Addison was robbed Sunday night. The robbers succeeded in opening the vault, but not the safe, and obtained \$500 in currency and \$200 in gold. From the appearance of things the authorities are satisfied that it was the work of experts. A reward of \$200 is offered for the apprehension of the thieves.

Destitution in Okishoms

DENISON, Tex., Feb. 3.-A number of colored people who left here last fall to take up homes in Oklahoma have returned. They are destitute and many have been compelled to walk a distance of 200 miles. They say that great destitution prevails among the colored people who have procured lands in Oklahoma.

An Old Mason Gone.

LEAVENWORTH, Kan., Feb. 3.-Christian Beck, for thirty-four years grand treasurer of the Grand Lodge Kansas A. F. and A. M., died in this city Tuesday night. He was also grand treasurer since the organization of the grand commandery and grand chapter and was a member of the Mystic Shripe.

Four Hundred were Drowned.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 3. - The steamer China brings details of the wreck of the steamer Namehow and the loss of 400 lives, mention of which was made by cable a few weeks since. The steamer foundered 12 miles off Cupchi. There were 400 Chinese on board and six Europeans.

Illinois Prehibition Convention ROCKFORD, Ill., Feb. 3.—The official call for the state prohibition convention, to be held at Springfield, May 31, has been issued. A full state ticket will be placed in nomination and delegates selected to the national prohibition convention, to be held at St. Louis on June 9.

Corporations Will Have Sonle. WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.-The house

committee on judiciary has agreed to report favorably a bill providing that a corporation shall be deemed held as citizen for all judicial purposes of the state in which it conducts business.



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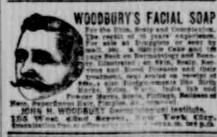
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